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Current quarantine measures.

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PLAGUE.

TURKEY.—According to advices of March 8, the board of health has decreed that the ten days' quarantine prescribed for all arrivals from Djiddah be extended to the entire coast line of the Hedjaz from Manurel-el Hawodich (Lith) to Yambo, exclusive of the ports above named.

GREECE.—According to advices of March 8 the government has decreed a ten days' quarantine against arrivals from Djiddah. The time during which vessels may have been en route from Djiddah to any Greek port shall not be taken into account in applying quarantine.

The quarantine station is the Island of Delos. Vessels arriving from the coast of the Red Sea and the Mediterranean are subject to medical inspection.

ARABIA.—Serious riots have occurred at Djiddah in consequence of the attempt to enforce measures for preventing the spread of plague. The sanitary service has been practically abolished, together with the service of information with regard to the status of the plague epidemic. A plague outbreak having been reported from Mecca, the board of health resolved on March 7 to allow free communication between Djiddah and Mecca.

EGYPT.—The international board of health at Alexandria resolved on February 25 to put the plague regulations in force from that date against Djiddah.

PERSIA.—On March 12 the government gave telegraphic notification to all governors of provinces or districts to check the pilgrimage.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—On February 9 a Hindoo died at Middleburg under suspicion of plague. Measures of isolation were rigorously carried out with regard to all persons who had come in contact with the deceased. During the first week in February the government of Pretoria addressed a letter of advice to the representatives of the South African States, recommending measures for preventing the introduction of plague.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—According to advices of February 11, the government has prohibited entrance into and transit through its jurisdiction to all Hindoos.

SMALLPOX.

DANISH ANTILLES.—According to advices of March 8, on account of the outbreak of malignant smallpox at Ponce, Porto Rico, a fifteen days' quarantine is ordered for all vessels arriving from that port.

Operations in Cuba and Porto Rico.

CUBA.

Havana.—Sanitary Inspector Brunner reports that the *Protector* has been in operation during the past week, and is disinfecting the baggage of outgoing passengers, with the exception of troops, it being understood that the latter is to be disinfected upon arrival in the United States. Dr. Brunner also reports that the work of disinfection is so pressing that he has engagements for a week ahead.

Matanzas.—Passed Assistant Surgeon G. M. Guiteras, quarantine officer, reports that the steam chamber, autoclaves, and appliances for the use of sulphur have arrived and are being put in position, and the work of inspection is being done preliminary to the complete work, which is to include disinfection of outgoing vessels, effects, etc.

Cienfuegos.—Assistant Surgeon S. B. Grubbs, quarantine officer, reports that the steam chamber donated by the War Department will be put in position on the pier at the earliest possible moment. The pier has been purchased and building is being erected. Negotiations have been begun for a steam launch for this station. At present Assistant Surgeon Grubbs, quarantine officer, is inspecting by means of a small boat. One case of yellow fever from Vera Cruz has been stopped here.

Santiago.—Passed Assistant Surgeon M. J. Rosenau, quarantine officer, reports that the inspection work at this station has been in operation for some time, and to facilitate the same a steam launch has been contracted for and is expected to be ready for delivery within the following week, and a barge for disinfecting machinery has been bought and named *Rough Rider*. Disinfection will be begun as soon as the necessary apparatus can be set up. Formaldehyd disinfection has already been provided for.

PORTO RICO.

San Juan.—Surgeon A. H. Glennan, quarantine officer, reports that formaldehyd disinfection has been provided for, and inspection of incoming and outgoing vessels is in progress.

Ponce.—Assistant Surgeon Claude H. Lavinder, quarantine officer, reports that formaldehyd disinfection has been provided for, and inspection of incoming and outgoing vessels is in progress.

BARBADOS.

Quarantine and sanitary report.

BARBADOS, *March 4, 1899.*

SIR: I have to report as follows:

Barbados.—The quarantine here against Cuba and Venezuela (including the inspection of arrivals from Barancas, Ciudad, Bolivar, Caracas, and La Guayra) has been taken off, but quarantine has been imposed on arrivals from Ponce, Porto Rico, and all persons arriving from other ports of Porto Rico must, in order to entitle them to be admitted to free pratique here, produce to the health officer a certificate from a British consul at Porto Rico that they had not within the preceding fourteen days been at or in the neighborhood of Ponce, or any other place where yellow fever or smallpox was known to visit. Quarantine is in force here against Bahia, Para, Ponce, and Rio de Janeiro.

Para.—The British consul there on February 1 wrote that during January there had been 24 deaths from yellow fever, and on the 20th ultimo he issued a bill of health to the steamship *Camatense* indorsed, "There have been several deaths from yellow fever during previous fortnight." The American consul's bill of health issued on 21st ultimo to same vessel reported 15 deaths from yellow fever during previous fortnight.

Manaos.—The American consul's bill of health issued on 17th ultimo to steamship *Camatense* reported 1 death from yellow fever during previous fortnight.